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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Small Bureaucratic Problem

25X1 1. Attached are two cables -- both of which crossed your desk -- together with a self-explanatory informal note on each one from my associate [redacted] to whom he refers is the Acting Chief of FE [redacted]

2. As you can see a small bureaucratic problem that tends to arise in times of nervous intensity is cropping up once more. I have no concern whatsoever with questions of bureaucratic primacy or protocol. It does seem to me, however, that on purely practical grounds, since we have already established a special channel specifically set up for the relay of Vietnam-related information on an eyes only basis to Kissinger and/or Rogers (separately or jointly) - [redacted] we run the risk of creating the very confusion all of us want to avoid if we start proliferating avenues via which sensitive Agency reports on Vietnam matters are funnelled to Kissinger's office.

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3. I am not about to take this matter up with Tom Karamessines since at this stage it is a petty one and raising it would serve little constructive purpose. I am simply flagging this matter to your attention. If you wish to do nothing, fine. The next time you spot a report you want relayed only to Kissinger, however, you might want to signify your wishes to Tom by suggesting that it be sent [redacted] rather than simply suggesting that it be promptly relayed to Henry's office.

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Attachments

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